

Implementation of Federal Investigative Standards

Tiered Investigations

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Why We Investigate	Public Trust			National Security			
Reason	Suitability			Access to Classified Information			
Position	Low-Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk	Confidential	Secret	Top Secret	SCI
Position Sensitivity	Non-Sensitive			Non-Critical Sensitive		Critical Sensitive	Special Sensitive
Tiered Investigation Associated	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 4	Tier 3	Tier 3	Tier 5	Tier 5
Current Type Investigation	NACI	MBI	BI	NACLC/ANACI		SSBI	
Standard Form Used	SF-85	SF-85P		SF-86			
Who Submits	Government Agencies (not NISP contractors)			FSOs			

- ❖ Three basic reasons for conducting background investigations
 - National Security – access to classified
 - Suitability / Fitness for government employment
 - Personal Identity Verification in support of credentialing
 - Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12)
 - Physical access to facilities and or logical access to systems